

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

Art Rejections

In the Office Action, Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,798,976 B1 (Tsumagari et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,525,746 B1 (Lau et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Tsumagari et al. does not qualify as prior art against the subject application. Tsumagari et al. claims priority to earlier filed U.S. Application No. 09/564,538, which has a filing date of May 4, 2000. Applicant submits herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, establishing conception and reduction to practice of the claimed subject matter at least as early as November 24, 1999, over five months prior to the earliest U.S. filing date of Tsumagari et al. Accordingly, Tsumagari et al. does not qualify as prior art against the subject application.

The Japanese application to which Tsumagari et al. claims foreign priority also does not qualify as prior art against the subject application. The Japanese priority application has a filing date of May 12, 1999, but was not published until November 24, 2000 (see attached English language abstract and the cover page of the Japanese publication). Thus, the Japanese priority application did not become a printed publication under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) or (b) until its November 24, 2000 publication date, which was

1 a full year after Applicant's date of conception and reduction to practice. Accordingly,
2 the Japanese application to which Tsumagari et al. claims priority does not qualify as
3 prior art against the subject application.

4 Lau et al. was cited for its alleged teaching of "APIs with respect to plug-ins to
5 facilitate book-marking, handling commands and returning event meta data or attributes
6 and/or other functions associated with the navigator programming" (Office Action, page
7 6, paragraph 2). However, Lau et al. lacks numerous salient features of the independent
8 claim.

9 For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 1-12 are allowable over the cited
10 documents.


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12 **CONCLUSION**

13 Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103 rejection, and an
14 early notice of allowance.

15 If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the
16 **Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.**

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18 Respectfully submitted,

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(54) DIGITAL IMAGE INFORMATION MEDIUM, DIGITAL IMAGE INFORMATION RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS, AND DIGITAL IMAGE INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To allow an entry point (bookmark) to be inserted at any desired recording position in image data, audio data, or the like, in such a manner as if a bookmark is placed in a book.

SOLUTION: Information RTR-VMG for managing a recorded object includes a movie cell entry point information M-C-EPI. This M-C-EPI includes information EP-PTM regarding entry point reproduction time and text information PRM-TXTI regarding an entry point. Style information and date information for the entry point as well as text information regarding the contents thereof are allowed to be stored into this PRM-TXTI.

項目	ファイル名	内容
0	EP_TIT	エントリポイントの形式
1-9	EP_PTM	エントリポイントの再生時間
1-14	PRM_TXTI	エントリポイント情報

RTR-VMG情報への位置

エントリポイント
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(54) 【発明の名称】 デジタル映像情報媒体、デジタル映像情報記録再生装置およびデジタル映像情報処理方法

(57) 【要約】

【課題】 本にしおりを挟むような感覚で、映像・音声等の任意の記録箇所に入ポイント (ブックマーク) を挿入できるようにする。

【解決手段】 記録されたオブジェクトを管理する情報 R T R _ V M G は、ムービーセルエントリポイント情報 M _ C _ E P I を含む。この M _ C _ E P I は、エントリポイント再生時間の情報 E P _ P T M とエントリポイントに関するテキスト情報 P R M _ T X T I とを含んでい。この P R M _ T X T I に、エントリポイントの形式

ムービーセルエントリポイント情報 (M _ C _ E P I) の内容

R B P	ファイル名	内容
0	E P _ T Y	エントリポイントの形
1-6	E P _ P T M	エントリポイントの再生
7-134	P R M _ T X T I	一次テキスト情報

R B P = 相対バイト位置

再生タイプ
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